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The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover any required fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0595. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for U.S. patent. No fee is due for submission of this statement. If any fees are due and owing in view of this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0595. **A duplicate of this sheet is included for this purpose.**

I. SUBMITTED REFERENCES

A. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
5,074,171	Annis et al.	Dec. 24, 1991
5,107,729	Makhlouf	Apr. 28, 1992
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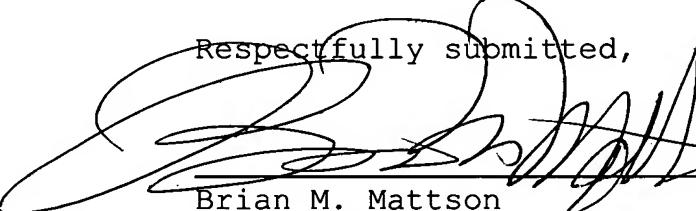
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II. REMARKS

Copies of the above references with form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

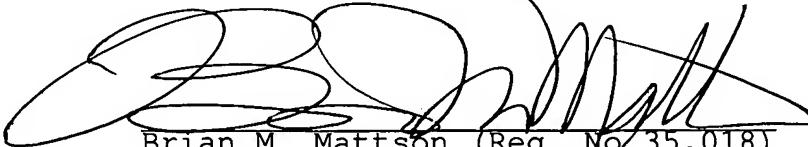

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